DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND A VOLUNTARY GREEN BUILDING STANDARD

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CLARK COUNTY, THE CITIES OF BATTLE GROUND, CAMAS, LA CENTER, RIDGEFIELD, VANCOUVER, WASHOUGAL, THE TOWN OF YACOLT

THIS IS A DECLARATION by and between Clark County, the Cities of Camas, Washougal, Ridgefield, La Center, Battle Ground, the Town of Yacolt, and the City of Vancouver, all municipal corporations of the State of Washington ("the Parties").

Construction and demolition waste makes up roughly one-third of the solid waste generated in Washington, which is an inefficient use of valuable resources and business capital. It also creates waste management challenges. Buildings account for 72 percent of electricity use and 39 percent of energy use in the United States, confirming that transition to green building can bring many benefits to public and individual health, the economy, and the environment.

The American Recovery and Revitalization Act grant with Clark County calls for adoption of a voluntary green building standard. However, faced with the challenges of declining budgets, reduced staff, and changing technology, it is important for communities to support joint resources and learn from each other's successes and challenges. To that end, strong partnerships across the county already work to promote green building practices, and the building and development community stands to benefit if there is regional consistency in encouraging green practices across jurisdictions.

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the International Code Council (ICC) have developed a model National Green Building Standard for single and multifamily homes, remodeling projects, and site development projects which allows for regionally appropriate best green practices. See ICC-700-2008. On March 15, 2010 the

(ICC) released its International Green Construction Code (IGCC) for commercial projects.

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Declaration is to set forth:

- A. An administrative structure;
- B. Agreed-upon goals; and
- C. Identified tasks and responsibilities

#### SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF GOALS.

- A. It is the Parties' intent to develop consistent voluntary green building standards.
- B. The Parties will jointly collaborate on countywide sustainable communities program, green building goals, and a regional approach to public participation.
- C. Each Party will make a good faith effort to adopt a consistent voluntary green building standard.

SECTION 3. TERM. This Agreement is voluntary, and shall become effective upon the date it is recorded with Clark County. It shall remain in effect through December 31, 2012.

SECTION 4. TERMINATION. Any Party may choose to terminate its participation in this Agreement by notifying the other parties in writing thirty (30) days prior to termination.

SECTION 5. COST OF SERVICE. No party will charge another party for services rendered under this agreement except as provided for under separate, existing agreements.

SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE. This Declaration does not establish a separate legal entity to carry out the Sustainable Communities Voluntary Green Building Standards or create any third party beneficiaries. The following paragraphs make provision for a coordinated informal action plan.

A. <u>Project Management Team</u>. The parties shall each have one participant designated to participate in a Project Management Team and Clark County's participant(s) shall lead the team through December 31, 2012.

B. <u>Decision-Making</u>. Decision-making will ordinarily be by consensus, but if no consensus can be reached, decision-making will be by majority vote of all participants present, with each participant present having one vote. In the event of a tie vote, the Project Manager will make the final decision.

E. <u>Record-Keeping</u>. Clark County will keep the official project records and make them available.

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FOR CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, a	FOR CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, a municipal
municipal corporation	corporation
By: Michael Ciraulo, Mayor	By: Inches Ron Onslow, Mayor
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FOR CITY OF CAMAS, a municipal	FOR CITY OF VANCOUVER, a
Corporation	municipal corporation
By: Paul Dennis, Mayor	By:/ Tim Leavitt, Mayor
FOR CLARK COUNTY, a municipal	FOR CITY OF WASHOUGAL, a
corporation	municipal corporation
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By: Steve Stuart, Chair Clark County Commissioners	By: Sean Guard, Mayor
	FOR TOWN OF YACOLT, a municipal
FOR CITY OF LA CENTER, a municipal	corporation
corporation	
By: James T. Irish, Mayor	By:

Approved as to form only:

By: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



### **CLARK COUNTY** STAFF REPORT

co: Kevin Girau

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**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Environmental Services / Sustainability & Public Outreach

Pete Dubois

DATE:

May 17, 2010

**REQUEST:** 

Sign a declaration of support for sustainable communities and a voluntary green

building standard.

**CHECK ONE:** Chief Administrative Officer Consent

BACKGROUND: Clark County and the City of Vancouver have reviewed regulations and codes to identify and address barriers to sustainable, affordable, residential development (SARD). One of the findings calls for a cross-jurisdiction technical assistance program between Clark County and the other cities/towns within the County to help improve consistency and stretch limited resources.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**: Cascadia Region Green Building Council facilitated a series of six meetings from 10/22/2009 to 3/18/2010 to collect ideas and solicit feedback on the resources and tools developed as part of the Clark County Sustainable Communities project. Meeting agendas, attendees, and minutes are available at www.clark.wa.gov/environment/sustainability/stakeholders.html.

BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS: The action requested falls within existing salaries and benefits. The declaration is consistent with the Sustainability Policy, which calls for the County to "lead by example" and to "collaborate with public and private partners." The declaration makes provision for a coordinated informal action plan; it does not establish a separate legal entity to carry out the Sustainable Communities Voluntary Green Building Standards or create any third party beneficiaries.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Yes (see Fiscal Impacts Attachment)

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ACTION REQUESTED: Sign a declaration of support for sustainable communities and a voluntary green building standard.

**DISTRIBUTION**: Please return original copies of the signed agreement and the approved staff report to Environmental Services Administration.

Anita Largent

Sustainability & Public Outreach Division Manager

APPROVED: 7 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### FISCAL IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part I: Narrative Explanation	Pa	art l	i:	Narra	tive	Exi	olanat	io
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I.A - Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information.

The Declaration calls for formation of an ad hoc team to implement consistent green building standards across Clark County. In addition the team will collaborate on countywide green building goals, and a regional approach to public participation. The fiscal impact will be made of a staff time.

Part II: Estimated Revenues		· ·	- NE	No.			7, 7
	AND	Current E	liennium	Next Bi	ennium	Second B	iennium
Fund #/Title		GF.	l'otal	GF	Total	GI <sup>F</sup>	l'otal
4014/Solid Waste Program			\$1,000.00		00.000,12		
	Total:	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

II.A - Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

Revenue is from a Department of Ecology Grant.	
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## Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III.A - Expenditures summed up

		Current B	Biennium Next B		ennium	Second Biennium	
Fund #/Title	FTE's	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
4014/Solid Waste Program			\$1,000.00		\$1,000,00		
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	Total:	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.0

III.B = Expenditure by object category

	Current	Current Biennium		ennium	Second Biennium	
Fund #/Title	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
Contractual						
Supplies						
Travel						
Other controllables						
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service		<u></u>				
Total	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0